

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 656 – HB 1221

March 23, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires a child who is suspected of being a victim of child sexual abuse while under the care of a school to be reassigned to another school of the parent's choosing upon the request of the parent.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004578): Deletes all language of the original bill. Requires a local education agency (LEA) to make reasonable accommodations to separate an alleged victim of child sexual abuse from the alleged perpetrator if the abuse occurred while the child was under the school's care. If available and appropriate, the local school board shall, upon request of the parent, reassign the alleged victim to a different school, if the abuse occurred while the child was under the care of the school and the perpetrator of the abuse is substantiated by the Department of Children's Services (DCS), adjudicated by a juvenile court to have committed the child sexual abuse, or is criminally charged.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- No change in the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula.
- Students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) will continue to receive services as set forth within the IEP.
- Any increase in local expenditures to effectuate transfers, including expenditures for transportation and additional instructional materials, is estimated to be not significant.
- Additional students will not come into the custody of DCS.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffry A. Spalding".

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Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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